

IN THE CLAIMS

All pending claims are set forth below. Cancelled and withdrawn claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (previously amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously added), (reinstated - formerly claim #), (previously reinstated), (re-presented - formerly dependent claim #), or (previously re-presented). Please AMEND claims * and ADD new claims * in accordance with the following:

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 2, 3, and 21 as follows.

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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of managing calls through an entertainment center, comprising:
~~sending~~receiving in an entertainment system call manager a signal indicating that there is an incoming call during a program play by the entertainment system to a user;
presenting by the call manager selectable call handling options in response to the incoming call through the entertainment system during the program play; and
 handling the incoming call in accordance with a ~~selected~~-call handling option ~~presented over the entertainment center~~selected by the user.
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2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising buffering ~~a~~the program being played through the entertainment center when the signal indicating that there is an incoming call is received.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising buffering ~~a~~the program being played through the entertainment center in response to a specific ~~subscriber~~user request.
4. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the selected call handling option is chosen from a group comprising take the call, send the call to voice mail, forward the call to another number, play a message, ignore the call and reject the call.
5. (ORIGINAL) A call management system comprising:
 a call management server residing in a telephony provider network; and

a television call manager connected to an entertainment center to receive a signal from the call management server indicating that an incoming call is waiting at the call management server.

6. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a television buffering device connected to the entertainment center to buffer and record a television program played through the entertainment center in response to a signal transmitted from the television call manager when a call is waiting at the call management server.

7. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the incoming call is handled in accordance with a selected call handling option.

8. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the call handling options are displayed through the entertainment center.

9. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the selected call handling option is chosen from a group comprising take the call, send the call to voice mail, forward the call to another number, play a message, ignore the call and reject the call.

10. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a remote control device in communication with the television call manager, wherein a subscriber selects a call handling option with the remote control device.

11. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the entertainment center includes a television.

12. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a television detector in communication with the television to detect when the television is on and to signal the call manager that incoming calls should be routed through the call management system.

13. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 5, wherein a caller

identification corresponding to the incoming call is displayed through the entertainment center when an incoming call is waiting at the call management server.

14. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 7, wherein if the selected call handling option is to take the call, the call management server forwards the call to the television call manager.

15. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the call is answered through the home entertainment center.

16. (ORIGINAL) The call management system as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a television buffering device connected to the entertainment center to buffer and record a television program played through the entertainment center in response to selecting the call handling option if the selected call handling option is to take the call.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the incoming call corresponds to an incoming text message.

18. (ORIGINAL) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the text message is displayed through the home entertainment center.

19. (ORIGINAL) A method of managing calls through an entertainment center, comprising:

receiving an incoming call through the entertainment center;
automatically pausing and recording a television program played through the entertainment center when the incoming call is received; and
resuming the television program when the incoming call is terminated.

20. (ORIGINAL) A method of managing calls through an entertainment center, comprising:

receiving an incoming call;
pausing a program played through the entertainment center;
displaying a menu on a display of the entertainment center;
prompting a subscriber to select a call handling option from the menu displayed on the

entertainment center;

executing a selected call handling option; and

unpausing the program played through the entertainment center.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An entertainment system call manager method of managing calls through anthe entertainment center, comprising:

means for sending~~receiving~~ a signal indicating that there is an incoming call during a program play by the entertainment system to a user;

means for presenting selectable call handling options in response to the incoming call through the entertainment system during the program play; and

means for handling the incoming call in accordance with a selected~~call handling option presented over the entertainment center~~selected by the user.
